

HOUSE BILL 175

By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5; Title 40, Chapter 2 and Title 40, Chapter 39, relative to sexual offenders and sexual offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-506, is amended by deleting subsection (b)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) The victim is at least fifteen (15) but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the defendant is more than five (5) but less than ten (10) years older than the victim.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-202, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (O) to item (25) and by relettering accordingly:

(O) Statutory rape by an authority figure, under § 39-13-532.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-2-101, is amended by adding the following new subsection (i):

(i) A person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for any offense committed against a child on or after June 20, 2007, that constitutes a criminal offense under the provisions of § 39-13-531 or § 39-13-532, no later than twenty-five (25) years from the date the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.